

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS18565

This legislation is proposed to contain Medicaid costs and reduce reimbursement and benefits to align with Medicaid's budget constraints. Changes include both short-term and on-going reductions. The on-going reductions intend to provide for sustainable cost controls. Changes include: reductions in skilled nursing home rates, a freeze on intermediate care facility rates, a freeze on physician and dental reimbursement, the removal of the non-emergency medical transportation benefit from the Basic Plan, and the addition of disproportionate share payments to the hospital assessment calculation. These reductions reflect a significant share of the overall reductions needed in the Medicaid program.

FISCAL NOTE

\$10,357,300 general fund reduction \$18,552,200 total fund reduction

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